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SUBJECT: SYRIANS EXPERIENCE NORTH KOREAN HOSPITALITY

REGULAR SOURCE OBTAINED FROM SARG DEPMIN SUPPLY AND INTERNAL
TRADE REPORT OF RECENT UNSUCCESSFUL VISIT OF TWO SARG
OFFICIALS TO NORTH KOREA. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, OFFICIALS
WERE DISPATCHED TO NORTH KOREA TO WORK OUT AGREEMENT
FOR SYRIAN IMPORTATION OF RICE. KOREANS DEMANDED THE SYRIANS
SIGN AGREEMENT WITHOUT BEING TOLD WHAT PARTICULAR TYPES OF
RICE THEY WERE AGREEING TO PURCHASE. SYRIANS REPORTEDLY
REFUSED TO SIGN, AND KOREANS RETALIATED BY LOCKING THEM IN
THEIR HOTEL ROOM. SYRIAN AMBASSADOR FOUND OUT ABOUT THE
PROBLEM AND OBTAINED RELEASE OF HIS "PRISONERS," WHO HAVE
NOW RETURNED SAFELY TO DAMASCUS WHERE THEY TELL EVERYONE THEY
MEET HOW NORTH KOREAN HOSPITALITY COMPARES WITHLOCAL TRADITIONS.
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